

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – Oct 15-19, 2012
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Where is George Veditz buried?

- a) Colorado Springs, CO
- b) Hartford, CT
- c) Silver Spring, MD
- d) Paris, France

Answer “a” – Colorado Springs, CO.

Bonus question: Who is George Veditz?

George Veditz was the 7th President of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD). He was elected to two terms as president from 1907 – 1910. George Veditz is best known for his famous speech on The Preservation of the Sign Language which was documented and preserved during the early days of silent motion pictures.

In this speech Mr. Veditz made the statement that is quoted widely “As long as we have deaf people on Earth we will have our beautiful sign language and I hope that you will cherish and defend our beautiful sign language as the noblest gift that God has given to us.” (Veditz, 1913, from his speech on the Preservation of the Sign Language.) See George Veditz give the complete speech here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XITbj3NTLUQ>

Mr. Veditz spent most of his professional career, 17 years, as a teacher at the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind (CSDB). He died in 1937. He and his wife Mary are buried in Colorado Springs.

Read about George Veditz life here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Veditz

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